

19 November 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Cover Discussions with NACA

1. On 16 November 1956 the undersigned met with Mr. Rhode, NACA, at the latter's office for the purpose of initiating requests for materials necessary to further the cover of Project AQUATONE.

2. A request was made to expedite research studies being prepared by NACA from data obtained during Project weather missions. Mr. Rhode was advised that such studies were necessary to further backstop AQUATONE and that it was our understanding that an initial paper would be ready for general release at approximately this date. Further check is to be made at Langley Air Force Base to determine a definite date for release of this promised research paper.

3. Mr. Rhode was asked to explore the possibility of obtaining NACA instrument cards for AQUATONE drivers. This request to NACA was prompted by a like request received from [redacted] who is of the opinion that all drivers should carry some NACA documentation else their story would not hold up when they are required to identify their association with NACA to friends, military establishments, etc. Mr. Rhode was of the opinion that instrument cards were only issued by CAA, however, he would explore within NACA, the possibility of their issuing the required documents.

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4. In furtherance of [redacted] recent conversation with Mr. Rhode, the latter was asked to supply 16 gust load indicators for instrumentation in AQUATONE aircraft. Mr. Rhode advised that he would supply the necessary instruments required but stated that a VG recorder would be the best instrument suited to record any unusual stress placed upon the aircraft and that in his conversations with [redacted] had intended his recommendation to refer to this type recorder. Mr. Rhode will advise the undersigned when the instruments are available for pickup.

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5. Also on this date all accumulated weather data sent to this Headquarters by the various Detachments was delivered to Mr. Rhode for forwarding to NACA Langley Air Force Base Laboratory. A system of receipts for such materials was discussed and mutually agreed upon at this time. It is the opinion of the undersigned that the previous problems indicated in this area have now been resolved to mutual satisfaction.

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